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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF PAT PATERA

MS. PATERA: Pat Patera. I was waiting for Danae Orr.

MR. LAWSON: Sorry. Okay. Pat Patera, and then we'll go to Corey Lewis and Amber Harmon.

1 MS. PATERA: I'm Pat Patera. First of all, [I'd like to take issue with the fact that considering the 30,000 generations should be expected to babysit our mistake is not only ridiculous, it is a human abomination. It is just out of this world.

The DOE people expect that technological improvements will come to the point where they will find a way to deactivate this terrible danger. But what if they don't find a way? We're talking about basic elements here. It could be that there is no way to reuse it to make it safe, and we are casting this terrible legacy far into the future where we can't see.

Predictions about just the next century, if you read any of the futurist magazines or the futurist studies, predict a great increase in world terrorism, massive human migrations, a hugely unsettled time, and to expect that we can protect this waste for even a hundred years is ridiculous.]

2 Now we live here in Nevada and we are expected to say NIMBY, not in my backyard. But [I don't believe that people nationwide have been told about the dangers that will be sent through their cities in trucks. We see truck accidents all the time on the news. They are a common occurrence.]

3 And [when you look at the rise in global terrorism that we have happening today, the scenarios of people getting ahold of those trucks, bombing those trucks, sabotaging those trucks, just everyone in this room could probably come up with amazing scenarios that perhaps uncreative government bureaucrats can't think about.

I propose that these scenarios be given to Hollywood script writers by the government, given to a dozen Hollywood script writers to produce a dozen possible scenarios, and I think that the DOE might be surprised when they discover how many military possibilities it has never occurred to them to prepare for.] Thank you.

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